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FORMED FROM A CARRIER DEVICE AND A STAMPING PAD

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Applicant's or agent's file reference A2003/00479	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/AT2004/000061	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 March 2004 (02.03.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 26 March 2003 (26.03.2003)	
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not yet been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>1. Reference is made to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: US-B1-6 423 931 (FAZENY STEPHAN ET AL) 23 July 2002 (2002-07-23)</p> <p>D2: US-A-3 009 440 (KENT HANS F) 21 November 1961 (1961-11-21)</p> <p>2. The document D1 is regarded as the closest prior art in comparison with the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the references in parentheses relate to this document):</p> <p>a method (column 2, lines 35-38) for machining rubber for stamps (column 1, lines 55-56) by means of a machining device (10, 14), in which a machining head (12) of a material removal device (10) is moved by means of a handling device (16, 18, 20, 22) controlled and/or regulated by a control device (28, 40) in relation to each other, in particular in an XY plane (column 3, lines 54-55), and a removal of material is performed on the stamp by the material removal device (10).</p> <p>The method according to claim 1 therefore differs from the known method in that it is a method for machining</p>																									

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<p>composite parts which are formed at least from a carrier device and a stamping pad and that the material removal device is used to divide the stamping pad of the composite part, which is at least partially connected to the carrier device, into several stamping pad parts which are distanced from each other by means of a separating joint.</p> <p>The subject matter of claim 1 is consequently novel (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>2.1. The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of achieving easy and flexible production at least of composite parts, comprising a stamping pad and a carrier device.</p> <p>The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is based on an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:</p> <p>Document D2 discloses that a multicoloured stamping pad is divided by a channel/cutting line on the surface of the pad in order to avoid mixing of the inks. Use of the machine from D1 for a method for producing the product from D2 is not mentioned.</p> <p>In neither of the documents D1 and D2 is there any suggestion of combining the teaching of the two documents.</p> <p>Claims 2-25 are dependent on claim 1 and consequently likewise meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.</p>	

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3. The document D1 is regarded as the closest prior art in comparison with the subject matter of claim 26. It discloses (the references in parentheses relate to this document):

a machining device (10, 14), at least comprising a material removal device (10) and a handling device, at least one machining head (12) of the material removal device being adjustable, in particular movable, by means of the handling device at least in an XY plane (column 3, lines 54-55), and the handling device being connected and/or connectable to a control device (28, 40) for controlling and/or regulating the same.

The subject matter of claim 26 therefore differs from the known machining device in that the machining device has an ink dispensing device for dispensing stamping ink, in particular colouring fluids, as and when required.

The subject matter of claim 26 is consequently novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3.1. The problem that the present invention according to claim 26 is intended to solve can thus be considered to be that of using an ink dispensing device to allow stamping ink, in particular colouring fluids, to be applied to different pad parts which can be produced by the material removal device and the handling device (16, 18, 20, 22).

The solution to this problem that is proposed in claim 26 of the present application is based on an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

With regard to document D1, there is no suggestion to a

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person skilled in the art that the machine tool of D1 can be used for stamping cushion removal and that the machining device has an ink dispensing device.

Claims 27-44 are dependent on claim 1 and consequently likewise meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

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